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# *Merry Christmas!*

Season's Greetings,

The Christmas Season marks the end of another growing season for agriculture, but most of all a time to reflect and give thanks for the many blessings that have been bestowed on our industry. 2005 presented many challenges relative to our production capabilities. Very low rainfall in some areas with excessive heat throughout, early season planting problems in other areas, lower than desired prices for our production but better yields than many expected. What will 2006 bring?

As I visit with producers across the state, I see excitement in their eyes and enthusiasm to enter the next year. The bins are full and marketing plans are being focused on the next growing season. As my staff continues to prepare the official USDA estimates of production and inventories that are imperative to decision making, we thank the thousands of Missouri producers that unselfishly take the time to ensure that the 'facts on agriculture' are the most reliable in the world. Decisions can be made on actual facts instead of hear say or rumors in the marketplace! Another thing to be thankful for . . .

We will face many challenges next year. Planting decisions will be paramount to row crop producers as we expect input costs to escalate. Animal diseases and ID programs continue to concern many. The next farm bill will require the best data for policymakers. Policymakers, animal and plant disease officials, producers and others must have the best and latest information possible to combat these and other threats. That is where you as a producer play a vital role in helping ensure the decisions that are made that affect all of agriculture are made using sound science and the most accurate data available. Your continued support of the voluntary NASS surveys is needed and appreciated.

Thanks again to the many producers and agribusinesses throughout Missouri that help make the information available to agriculture the backbone of our businesses. Our corp of data collectors throughout Missouri are a valuable part of the unbiased nature of producing accurate information. We thank each of them for their professionalism.

From our staff to you, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and the Happiest of Holidays and look forward to a Prosperous and Healthy New Year!

Gene Danekas  
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**2006 Press Release Calendar**  
**Missouri Agricultural Statistics Service**  
**601 Business Loop 70 West, Suite 240, Columbia, MO 65203**

Jan	12	Winter Wheat Seedings Annual Crop Production and Grain Stocks	Jul	12	Crop Production
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Mar	31	Grain Stocks, Prospective Planting Hogs and Pigs		29	Small Stocks and Small Grains Hogs and Pigs
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Jun	9	Crop Production	Dec	27	Hogs and Pigs
	30	Acreage and Grain Stocks Hogs and Pigs			

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### October Milk Production

State	Milk Cows <sup>1/</sup>		Milk Per Cow <sup>2/</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2/</sup>	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds	
IL	106	104	1,480	1,510	157	157
IA	191	187	1,640	1,640	313	307
<b>MO</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>1,230</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>137</b>
<b>23 State</b>	<b>8,103</b>	<b>8,161</b>	<b>1,583</b>	<b>1,636</b>	<b>12,824</b>	<b>13,353</b>

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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### U.S. Dairy Production by Product, Oct 2005

Product	October 2005	Change From	
		Oct 2004	Sep 2005
	1,000 Pounds	Percent	
<b>Butter</b>	107,506	3.0	7.4
<b>Cheese</b>			
American Types <sup>1/</sup>	310,098	0.3	2.8
Total	754,734	0.9	1.7
	1,000 Gallons	Percent	
<b>Frozen Products</b>			
Ice Cream, Hard	69,053	1.3	-4.8
Ice Cream, Lowfat, Total	29,492	-5.6	-9.4
Ice Cream, Nonfat, Hard	1,397	-14.3	-6.9
Sherbet, Hard	3,904	7.3	-20.9
Frozen Yogurt, Total	4,648	-11.8	-9.7
	1,000 Pounds	Percent	
<b>Dry Whey Products</b>			
Dry Whey, Human	75,865	0.9	-1.8
Dry Whey, Animal	6,455	13.1	-3.3
<b>Dry Whey, Total</b>	<b>82,320</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>-1.9</b>

1/ Includes Cheddar, Colby, Monterey, and Jack.

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### Chicks Hatched by Commercial Hatcheries

Item	October		Jan - Oct	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000			
<b>Broiler-Type</b>				
19 States <sup>1/</sup>	738,102	756,987	7,586,169	7,700,761
U.S.	756,895	776,333	7,809,808	7,917,705
<b>Egg-Type</b>				
U.S.	34,866	35,367	361,214	367,363

1/ States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program.

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### Average Prices Received by Farmers <sup>1/</sup>

Commodity	Unit	Missouri			U.S.
		Nov 2004*	Oct 2005	Nov 2005 <sup>2/</sup>	Nov 2005 <sup>2/</sup>
Dollars					
Winter Wheat	Bu	3.00	3.49	3.45	3.25
Corn	Bu	1.89	1.74	1.85	1.79
Soybeans	Bu	5.26	5.57	5.70	5.68
Sorghum	Cwt	2.79	7/	3.25	2.81
BALED HAY <sup>2/</sup>					
All Hay	Ton	57.00	61.00	63.00	91.70
Alfalfa	Ton	99.00	102.00	105.00	97.50
Other	Ton	45.00	48.00	50.00	76.30
ALL BEEF					
Cows <sup>3/</sup>	Cwt	48.20	48.10	46.90	45.80
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	105.00	115.00	113.00	97.40
Cattle <sup>4/</sup>	Cwt	93.60	100.00	99.80	91.60
Calves	Cwt	121.00	131.00	132.00	132.00
ALL HOGS					
Sows	Cwt	45.80	40.90	36.50	37.70
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt	50.20	43.00	40.80	45.00
All Hogs	Cwt	49.90	42.90	40.50	44.70
Market Eggs <sup>2/</sup>	Doz	0.410	0.230	0.420	0.482
MILK					
Fluid Grade <sup>5/</sup>	Cwt	16.40	16.00		15.10
Manufacturing Grade <sup>5/</sup>	Cwt	15.80	14.90		14.20
All Milk <sup>5/</sup>	Cwt	16.40	16.00	15.90	15.10
HOG/CORN RATIO <sup>6/</sup>		26.40	24.66	21.89	24.97

1/ Prices received represent the average of all grades or classes at point of first sale and should not be confused with market quotations of specific grades or classes.

2/ Mid-month prices.

3/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

4/ "Cows" and "Steers & Heifers" combined.

5/ Missouri October fat test %: all milk 3.71, fluid grade 3.70, mfg grade 3.87.

U.S. November fat test %: all milk 3.77, fluid grade 3.77, mfg grade 4.00.

6/ "All Hogs" divided by "Corn" prices.

7/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

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### October 2005 Egg Production

State	Number of Layers on Hand <sup>1/</sup>	Eggs per 100 for All Layers <sup>1/</sup>	Total Production
	1,000	Number	Million Eggs
AR	14,790	2,008	297
IA	49,351	2,286	1,128
<b>MO</b>	<b>6,849</b>	<b>2,292</b>	<b>157</b>
<b>U.S.</b>	<b>344,043</b>	<b>2,239</b>	<b>7,703</b>

1/ Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

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## Hired Workers Down 4 Percent, Wage Rates Up 3 Percent From a Year Ago

There were 1,129,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of October 9-15, 2005, down 4 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 840,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 289,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.61 per hour during the October 2005 reference week, up 29 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$8.90 per hour, up 28 cents from last October, while livestock workers earned \$9.14 per hour compared with \$8.91 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$8.96 per hour, was up 27 cents from last year.

The number of hours worked averaged 42.0 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up 4 percent from a year ago.

### Labor and Wage Rates, Cornbelt II Region (Missouri and Iowa) October 2004, July 2005 and October 2005 <sup>1</sup>

Item	October 10 - 16, 2004	July 10 - 16, 2005	October 9 - 15, 2005
<b>FARM EMPLOYMENT</b>	<i>Thousands</i>		
Hired Workers	22	31	29
<b>HOURS WORKED PER WORKER</b>	<i>Hours per Week</i>		
Hired Workers	38.4	40.4	40.1
<b>FARM WAGE RATES (type of worker)</b>	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>		
All Hired Workers	9.72	9.56	11.16
Field Workers	9.00	8.86	9.21
Livestock Workers	9.38	9.14	10.89
Combined Field & Livestock Workers	9.16	9.05	10.02

<sup>1</sup> Excludes Agricultural Service Workers

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Cattle on Feed - December 23  
Livestock Slaughter - December 23  
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